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Jane E. Henney, M.D., Commissioner Food & Drug Administration 5600 Fishers Lane, Room 14-71 Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Docket #98N-1038

Dear Dr. Henney:

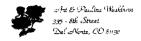
We are concerned about labeling requirements for irradiated food. We would like assurance that irradiation labels will be at all times truthful and without euphemisms. We believe that such terms as "treated with radiation" or "treated by irradiation" need to be used, together with the radura, because they indicate the irradiation process. Frankly, we will not buy, nor do we wish our children to buy, irradiated foods; clear and unambiguous labels will help.

Sincerely,

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